applicable to Govt. Employees. In Government service, there is no reservation for SCs or STs employees in promotions within the officers cadre of Group 'A' when the promotion is made by the method of selection.

There is no such proposal to make reservation in all grades of officers in banks.

Banks Reluctant to Lend Money to Small Units

91. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks are reluctant to land money to small units; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the information provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the number of accounts and balance outstanding towards the loans sanctioned by nationalised banks to small scale industrial units as on the last Friday of March, 1993, March, 1994 and March 1995 were as under:

	No. of Accounts (in lakhs)	*Balance Outstanding (Rs. crores)*
March 1993	15.57	12164.04
March 1994	15.42	13708.41
March 1995	16.21	16559.67

Power Crisis in Eastern States

92. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing power crisis in the Eastern States, particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to overcome the power crisis in these States;

(c) the achievements made in that direction in the 8th Plan; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in 1995-96 and in the remaining period of the 8th Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The power supply position/scenario in the Eastern Region as well as in the State of Orissa during 8th Plan period has been somewhat improving from year to year as indicated below:

(All figures in MU Net)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	Apr. '95—Jan. '96
Eastern Region				
Requirement	35760	37910	40342	35700
Availability	29362	32530	35118	31938
Shortage	6398	5380	5222	3762
%	17.9	14.2	12.9	10.5
Orissa				
Requirement	8210	8840	9420	8445
Availability	7156	7909	8723	8003
Shortage	1054	931	697	442
%	12.8	10.5	7.4	5.2

(d) It is expected to add 1174.30 MW of new capacity in the Eastern Region during 1995-96. The tentative programme for the terminal year of the 8th Plan i.e. 1996-97 is for an addition of 973 MW capacity. Various other measures taken to improve the availability of power in the Eastern Region include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, improving the performance of existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures etc.

Excise Collection

93. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any review of the performance of different States and also the Central Government on excise collection; and

(b) if so, the State-wise and Central Government's achievement thereon during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Data regarding revenue collection from Union Excise duties is not maintained State-wise. Therefore, even though revenue receipts from Union Excises are monitored on a continuing basis, no review thereof on the basis of State-wise performance is made.

Figures of revenue collections from Union Excise duties, exclusive of cesses which are not administered by the revenue Department, are given below for 1994-95 and April 1995 to January 1996:

Year	Revenue (Rs. in crore)
1994-95 (P)	37466.55
1995-96 (P) (Upto- Jan '96)	32393.48

P-Provisional.

बिजली की दरों में वृद्धि

94. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराजः**
श्री राम जेठमलानीः

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 3 फरवरी, 1996 के दैनिक "टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया" में "साल्वे स्ट्रेसिस नीड टू हाइक पावर टेरिफ" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकार देश में बिजली की दरों में वृद्धि करने को आवश्यक समझती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में कृषि क्षेत्र में दी जाने वाली बिजली की दर उसकी उत्पादन लागत से कम है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और देश में कल कितनी प्रतिशत बिजली कृषि क्षेत्र में औसतन उपयोग हो रही है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, हां। जनवरी, 1993 में आयोजित विद्युत मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में अपनाई गई कार्य-योजना में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, यह भी कहा गया था कि उत्पादन और आपूर्ति की बढ़ी हुई लागत को मद्देनजर रखते हुए सभी टैरिफों को आवधिक रूप से संशोधित किया जाना चाहिये।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) अखिल भारत आधार पर वर्ष 1993-94 में कृषि क्षेत्र को बेची गई विद्युत की प्रति यूनिट औसतन वसूली 17.87 पैसे/यूनिट थी, जबकि आपूर्ति की औसत लागत 154.75 पैसे/यूनिट थी। जनवरी, 1993 में आयोजित विद्युत मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन में पहले ही यह निर्णय ले लिया गया था कि कृषि टैरिफ को कम से कम 50 पैसे/कि०वा०आ० तक बढ़ा दिया जाना चाहिये। कुल बेची गई यूनिटों में से लगभग 30 प्रतिशत कृषि क्षेत्र को आपूर्ति की गई थी।

बिजलीघरों में संकट

95. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीयः**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवालः

क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः